

Minutes of the March 2, 2001 meeting
Corona City Council Chambers
815 W. Sixth Street
Corona

1. Chair Withers called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Board Members Present

Board Members Absent

John Withers, Chair
Jose Solorio
Irv Pickler
Seymour Van Gundy
Frank Williams
Fred Ameri

Carole Beswick, Vice-Chair

Staff Members Present

Gerard J. Thibeault, Executive Officer
Kurt V. Berchtold, Assistant Executive Officer
Robert L. Holub, Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer
Joanne E. Schneider, Environmental Program Manager
Hope A. Smythe, Chief, Basin Planning (Inland Waters)
Wanda K. Smith, Chief, Basin Planning (Coastal Waters)
Troy Johnston, Environmental Specialist I
Gary D. Stewart, Chief, Regulations
Mark G. Adelson, Chief, Surveillance and Enforcement
Jessie Powell, Water Resources Control Engineer
Najah Amin, Water Resources Control Engineer
Kathy Rose, Environmental Specialist, I
Zulaka Khan, Water Resources Control Engineer
Kim Le, Water Resources Control Engineer
Barbara Laffoon, Secretary

Legal Counsel

Ted Cobb

Public Attendance

J. S. Aklufi, Aklufi & Wysocki
Joseph Zoba, Yucaipa Valley Water District
Jim Colston, Orange County Sanitation District
Ken Dills, City of Huntington Beach
R. Gary King, California Technical Trade and Commerce Agency
Nicole Greene, Student, Environmental Sciences at UCR
Adriana Miranda, Student, Environmental Sciences at UCR
Rick Hoffman, Riverside Co. Transportation
Greg Woodside, Orange County Water District
Paul Mobley, United Strategies, Inc.
Amanda Noble, Student, Environmental Sciences at UCR

2. Public Forum

There were no speakers.

3. Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2001 meeting

There being no additions or corrections, the minutes of the regular board meeting held on January 19, 2001 were approved as presented.

4. Approval of Consent Calendar Items

Executive Officer Thibeault advised the Board that Item 6 on the consent agenda, Amendment of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) for Lamb Canyon Landfill, had an errata sheet.

Action: It was moved by Board Member Solorio, seconded by Board Member Pickler, and unanimously carried to adopt Rescission Order No. 01-40, Order No. 01-18, Amendment of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) for Lamb Canyon Landfill with errata, and Resolution No. 01-42 Regarding Settlement Agreement, San Bernardino County, San Timoteo Landfill, as presented.

8. Administrative Civil Liability Complaint (ACLC), Catellus Development Corporation, No. 00-93

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Executive Officer Thibeault asked that these items be postponed at the request of the discharger.

10. Administrative Civil Liability Complaint, Buie Communities and Mountain Gate Development, No. 00-95

Executive Officer Thibeault noted that the discharger had waived the right to a hearing and paid the civil liability assessment. Therefore, no further action was required by the Regional Board.

11. Mandatory Penalties Complaint, Yucaipa Valley Water District, MPC 00-61.

Executive Officer Thibeault presented the staff recommendation that the Board accept Yucaipa Valley Water District's defense that 115 of the 156 violations cited were due to an intentional act of a third party and not subject to the mandatory penalties. As a result, the mandatory minimum penalties complaint was reduced to \$114,000, and the discharger was prepared to pay that amount.

Action: It was moved by Board Member Pickler, seconded by Board Member Ameri, and unanimously carried to affirm Revised Mandatory Penalties Complaint No. 00-61, as presented.

Joseph Zoba, Yucaipa Valley Water District, expressed appreciation to the Board and Board staff for their assistance.

12. 2000 Santa Ana River Sampling at Prado Dam

Board Staff presented the results of the 2000 Santa Ana River sampling at Prado Dam.

13. Overview of the Upcoming Water Quality Assessment/Review of Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Impaired Water Bodies

Basin Planning (Inland Waters) Section Chief Hope Smythe presented an overview of the upcoming schedule and the staff activities associated with the development of the 2002 Water Quality Assessment Report and the 303(d) list of impaired water bodies. Approximately 350 letters were sent in February requesting public participation in securing data and information regarding water quality conditions in surface waters in this Region. The information gathered will be used in various assessments, including the development of a submission to US EPA as required by the federal Clean Water Act (Section 303(d)).

14. Proposition 13 Grant Proposal Update

Basin Planning (Coastal Waters) Section Chief Wanda Smith presented the background for the Proposition 13 Grant Proposal update. Criteria used in the ranking of proposed projects and description of the projects were explained to the Board, and the highest rankings in each category were discussed briefly.

15. Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPS)

Executive Officer Thibeault discussed the feasibility of establishing a list of various SEPs that would be available to the stakeholders throughout Region 8 permitting them to select a project from the list to fund without having to wait find projects on their own.

16. Hazardous Waste and Sewage Spill Incident Report

Staff provided the Board with a list of incidents occurring since those reported at the January 19, 2001 board meeting.

17. Executive Officer's Report

Legal Counsel Cobb updated the Board on the status of the Stringfellow/Casmalia proceedings and briefly explained the background of the Stringfellow site for the benefit of new Board members. Mr. Cobb also advised the Board and Board Staff that, due to his promotion to Deputy Chief Counsel, a new staff counsel would be appointed for the Santa Ana Regional Board, later this year.

18. Board Member Communication

Member Williams asked to be provided with a copy of the Board's budget, current status, and information regarding the creation and implementation of the budget and inquired if the Board took an active part in the process. Assistant Executive Officer Berchtold will provide the information to Member Williams.

19. Closed Session

None was held.

20. Adjournment

Chair Withers adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m. to the April 19, 2001, meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Orange County Water District.

Respectfully submitted:

GERARD J. THIBEAULT
Executive Officer
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